

T-Shirt Tux

The Hold Steady

There's that girl from your work and she's here with some guy
He's got a t-shirt tux and a piano key tie
The rest of us were rolling our eyes
At the handshake he did with the doorman
But that's how he gets the stuff that makes him feel so important

And we all need something to get thru the night
'Cause the kitchen gets hot and the fingers get fried
A Pontius Pilate played to the crowd
And they all thought they knew what they wanted
And everyone's sorry when they see that it's dawn
I assumed that's the reason we do this?
And me and the guy with the piano key tie
Are probably going to play right thru this

Tiny little triumphs. Massive bloody failures
I heard that there are sailors who dread coming ashore
I guess it's true. It's true I guess
But tonight I fear my sensors aren't receiving at their best

And everyone's acting like they hate that they're here
Baring their teeth and sharpening spears
The stuff that they put in the punchbowl tonight
Makes it too hard to pay much attention
But your war of attrition turned out to be a major attraction

A boy and a girl were draining their beers
He said Stalin was a weatherman to start his career
Johnny Cash was in the service
When the news came thru the wire
And it's weird how you feel when bad people die
She said yeah I guess, whatever
All your fun little facts are never going to keep us together

We'll all be doomed once we leave this room
We spinning thru the turnstiles and we're sleeping in our shoes
We're sad and stoned when we're all hooked up at home
But when we leave the house we're homesick
Got the disconnection blues
There were multiple dispensers
And some friends we couldn't use

There's a candle on the table
There's a photo on the fridge
There's a bunch of things we said we're going to do
Then never did
Sometimes it's all slippery sidewalks
And trying to find a place to park
Turning on a burner
That never catches spark
They said everything's perception
But that's not really right
Let's all try to tell a little truth tonight
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